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Rice Acreage Drops 120,000 Acres From 2010

“Louisiana farmers altered some of their March 1 planting intentions in response to weather conditions,” according to Nathan Crisp, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics Service’s Louisiana Field Office. “Wet weather in March and early April, followed by little or no rain throughout the state in May and June changed things,” Crisp continued. “Growers planted more corn and sweet potato acres than they intended in March, but soybean and sorghum acres remain unchanged from the intentions estimates in March.”

Rice planted acreage is estimated at 420,000 acres, down 120,000 acres from 2010 and down 50,000 acres from March intentions. Long grain varieties are expected to account for 390,000 acres and medium grain for the remaining 30,000 acres.

Soybean planted acreage is expected to total 1,050,000 acres, up 20,000 acres from a year ago but unchanged from March intentions.

Cotton planted acreage is expected to total 280,000 acres, up 25,000 acres from last year but 10,000 acres below March intentions.

Corn planted acreage is estimated at 570,000 acres, up 60,000 acres from a year ago and up 50,000 acres from March intentions.

Grain sorghum planted acreage is estimated at 160,000 acres, up 78,000 acres from 2010 but unchanged from March intentions.

Sugarcane acreage for harvest (sugar and seed) is estimated at 420,000 acres, unchanged from last year.

Sweet potato planted acreage in the state, at 15,000 acres, is forecast to be up 1,500 acres from a year ago and up 1,000 acres from the March intentions estimates.

An estimated 200,000 acres were planted to **winter wheat** for the 2011 crop, up 75,000 acres from the 2010 crop year; an estimated 190,000 acres were harvested for grain.

All **hay** acreage intended for harvest is estimated at 400,000 acres, down 50,000 acres from 2010 but unchanged from March intentions.

Rice planted area for the **U.S.** is expected to total 2.7 million acres, down 26 percent from last year’s planted acreage.

Soybean planted area for the **U.S.** is estimated at 75.2 million acres, down three percent from last year.

Upland cotton acreage for the **U.S.** is expected to total 13.4 million acres, up 25 percent from 2010. The **U.S.** planted area for **all cotton** this year is expected to total 13.7 million acres, 25 percent above last year.

Corn acreage planted for all purposes in the **U.S.** is estimated at 92.3 million acres, up five percent from last year.

Grain sorghum planted area for the **U.S.** is estimated at 5.3 million acres, down one percent from 2010.

U.S. Sugarcane area for harvest as sugar and seed during the 2011 crop year is estimated at 889,000 acres, up one percent from a year ago.

Sweet potato acreage for the **U.S.** is estimated at 132,600 acres for the 2011 season, up 11 percent from 2010.

The U.S. all wheat planted area is estimated at 56.4 million acres, up five percent from 2010. Harvested area is expected to total 47.2 million acres, down one percent from last year. The 2011 **U.S. winter wheat** planted area, at 41.1 million acres, is up ten percent from 2010.

U.S. producers expect to harvest 57.6 million acres of **all hay** in 2011, down four percent from last year.